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H. RES. 505

Condemning the murder of Dr. George Tiller, who was shot to death at his church on May 31, 2009.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mrs. LOWEY, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. COHEN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. SUTTON, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. ESHOO, Ms. HARMAN, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. DELAHUNT, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. CLARKE, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK of Arizona, Mr. SIRES, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. FARR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. EDWARDS of Texas, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. BOYD, Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. NADLER of New York, Mr. MAFFEI, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. WATSON, Mr. CHANDLER, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. TSONGAS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. TITUS, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. WEINER, Mr. KAGEN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HARE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. SPEIER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Condemning the murder of Dr. George Tiller, who was shot to death at his church on May 31, 2009.

Whereas Dr. George Tiller was murdered in Wichita, Kansas, on May 31, 2009;

Whereas Dr. Tiller is mourned by his family, friends, congregation, community, and colleagues;

Whereas Dr. Tiller, 67, was killed in his place of worship, a place intended for peace and refuge that in a moment became a place for violence and murder;

Whereas places of worship should be sanctuaries, but have increasingly borne witness to reprehensible acts of violence, with 38 people in the United States killed in their place of worship in the past 10 years and 30 people wounded in those same incidents;

Whereas these acts of violence include the murder of an Illinois pastor at the pulpit in March 2009, the murder of an Ohio minister in November 2008, the murder of an usher and a guest during a children's play in a Tennessee church in July 2008, the murder of four family members in a church in Louisiana in May 2006, and the shooting of a worshipper outside a synagogue in Florida in October 2005; and

Whereas violence is deplorable, and never an acceptable avenue for expressing opposing viewpoints: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) offers its condolences to Dr. Tiller's family;

3 and

4 (2) commits to the American principle that tol-

5 erance must always be superior to intolerance, and

- 1 that violence is never an appropriate response to a
- 2 difference in beliefs.

